

Application No. 09/926,006
Response dated February 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 14, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 4 and 6 have been amended.

No new claims have been added.

(1) Claims 1-7 and 10 were rejected under 35USC§102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35USC§103(a) as obvious over Han (US Patent 5,853,638).

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. The basis of the amendment is found at page 5, lines 7-15, and Table 2.

Han does not disclose any polypropylene wax. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1 and 6, as amended, under 35USC§102(b) is not supported by Han.

In addition, Han does not teach that the wax increases a light transmittance. There is no motivation or need in Han to modify the teaching of Han into the polypropylene wax of the present invention in order to increase a light transmission. The porous polyolefin film of the present invention has accomplished an increased light transmission by the polypropylene wax and the inorganic filler. Thus, the invention of claims 1 and 6 are unobvious over Han.

(2) Claims 1, 3 and 5-11 were rejected under 35USC§102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35USC§103(a) as obvious over Nishizawa et al. (US Patent 4,626,252).

The liquid or wax-like hydrocarbon polymer disclosed by Nishizawa et al is polybutadiene (col.2, lines 18-23). Thus, the rejection of claim 1 and 6, as amended, under 35USC§102(b) is not supported by Nishizawa et al.

In addition, Nishizawa et al. do not teach that the wax increases a light transmission. There is no motivation or need in Nishizawa et al. to modify its teaching into the polypropylene wax of the present invention in order to increase a light transmission. The porous polyolefin film of the present invention has accomplished an increased light transmission by the combination of the polypropylene wax with the inorganic filler. Thus, the invention of claims 1 and 6 are unobvious over Nishizawa et al. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

(3) Claims 1-3 and 5-11 were rejected under 35USC§103(a) as obvious over Nishizakwa et al. in view of Han.

Neither Nishizawa et al. nor Han discloses or teaches polypropylene wax used in a porous olefin film. Even if one combined Nishizawa et al. with Han, the present invention recited in claims 1 and 6, as amended, cannot be obtained.

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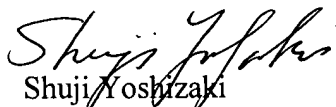
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case. The limited recognition of the agent is attached.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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